

Supervisor Romaine Announces Shut Down of Alleged Drug House in Bellport

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Farmingville, NY - Supervisor Ed Romaine announced today that Brookhaven Town took action on Tuesday, January 14 to close an alleged drug house located at 533 Meade Avenue in Bellport. The Town responded to the home, which has been vacant for some time, after receiving a request by the Suffolk County Police Department Narcotics Division. Two occupants of the house were arrested after police found that the property was allegedly being used for the sale and use of drugs.

Upon investigation, Town officials discovered that one bedroom was being used to store tires, car batteries, tools and other auto parts in violation of Town code. A second bedroom was used as a weight room, which contained a large weight lifting machine. The Inspector was also concerned about the floor structure, due to the excessive weight and a noticeable bounce and flex on the floor structure. The house was posted with a Cease and Desist order based on the observation of unsafe electric service (extension cords running throughout the house), kerosene heaters in use and the indoor storage of kerosene cans and no fire block above the water heater/burner. The order prohibits occupancy until all violations are corrected. The Town will issue summonses for no rental registration and property maintenance for structure.

"Unscrupulous landlords who allow illegal activity on their property in violation of Town Code will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," said Supervisor Ed Romaine. "I have directed our Building and Law departments to crack down hard on these dangerous eyesores that threaten the health, safety and the quality of life in the community."

If residents believe that a property is in violation of any Town of Brookhaven codes, they can call 451-TOWN to file a complaint.

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